

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
September 07, 2007**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on September 07, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following members were present:**

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman  
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman  
Melony Phillips, Cognizant  
Steve Earles

**Absent:**

Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist, Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (1) O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive information pertaining to Applications, Cognizant report, Complaint cases and to receive the Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.**

**Agenda:**

**Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, Motion carried.**

**Announcements:**

No Announcements

**Georgia Nonpublic Post Secondary Education Commission**

The Board met with Mr. Bill Crews, Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC) and discussed the requirements set forth by the Board in reference to becoming a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program. He explained that schools under DTAE, The University System of Georgia and the K-12 Georgia primary/secondary schools are not regulated by his office/Board. Those regulated by NPEC are visited annually; don't have to be accredited, but it is preferred/encouraged, and, the commission can levy fines against a program.

Mr. Crews will present a request to the NPEC Board that they consider adopting the Board's curriculum and faculty requirements as a part of their (NPEC's) rules in the regulation of massage therapy education programs.

### **Minutes:**

**Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 12, 2007 and July 13, 2007 Board Minutes with corrections.**

### **Correspondence:**

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

**Amanda Cihak, American Medical Massage Association.** Requested that the Board recognize their exam as an approved examination towards licensure requirements in the state of Georgia.

**Board Response** - The Board requested correspondence be sent regarding the Board's position that, at this time, the Board will continue to recognize the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork TM and TMB certification exam. The Board will consider other exams at a later date and time.

### **Executive Director's Report**

1. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board to be consistent in their review and approval or denial of applications for licensure.

### **Applications**

**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcripts:**

#### **Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Chiles, Doris	Approved
Felder, Nathaniel	Approved
M.G.	Pending
Harper, David	Approved
Herring, April Ann	Approved

#### **Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Jackson, Shakira	Approved
Jackson, Sharyea L.	Approved
James, Patricia A.	Approved
James, Vanessa L.	Approved
Jennings, Lindsay G.	Approved
Johnson, John W., III	Approved
J.J.	Pending
L.L.J.	Approved Pending
Johnson, Sharon C.	Approved
Johnson, Shawn M.	Approved
Johnson, Tenesha L.	Approved
Johns, Fred L.	Approved
Joiner, Marcy E.	Approved

Jones, Bobby J.	Approved
D.C.J.	Approved Pending
Jones, Janelle P.	Approved
N.V.J.	Approved Pending
Jones, Rhonda L.	Approved
J.C.J.	Approved Pending
Joyner, Theresa E.	Approved
Kainneranart, Chaisith	Approved
Khalsa, Mukta K.	Approved
M.K.	Pending
Kim, Song Cha	Approved
W.C.K.	Approved Pending
Y.S.K.	Pending
Kimble, Nadia L.	Approved
Kinard, Felicia J.	Approved
King, Cynthia E.	Approved
Kirschner, Diana G.	Approved
Lam, Thuy Ai	Approved
Landon, Miriam	Approved
Lanning, Candice M.	Approved
Lattimore, Jaclyn C.	Approved
Lavender, Kelvin	Approved
A.L.	Approved Pending
A.E.L.	Approved Pending
B.H.L.	Pending
C.H.L.	Pending
K.Y.L.	Pending
Lee, Kyong Soon	Approved
Ledford, April L.	Approved
Lester, Derrell K.	Approved
A.L.L.	Approved Pending
Logan, Leander J.	Approved
McDaniel, Judy	Approved
McKinney, John R.	Approved
N.S.M.	Approved Pending
McQueen, Ellen H.	Approved
M.M.M.	Approved Pending
Madir, Jan P.	Approved
Mallory, George C.	Approved
Marbury, Clinton M.	Approved
Mariacher, Sandra L.	Approved
Martin, James W.	Approved
Masters, Nikki L.	Approved
Mavrikis, Angela D.	Approved
May, Jennifer K.	Approved
May, Tabitha J.	Approved
Medley, Mary F.	Approved
Meister, Jodi D.	Approved
Meixel, Amber M.	Approved
T.D.M.	Approved Pending
Mickenheim, Tiffany E.	Approved

Mike, Katherine A.	Approved
Mikoloski, Andria F.	Approved
Miles, Bessie V.	Approved
Miles, Kathy D.	Approved
Milton, John D.	Approved
Mims, Jennifer A.	Approved
D.V.M.	Pending
Mitchell, Ashley B.	Approved
Mitchell, Kasha	Approved
Mitchell, Robyn T.	Approved
Mitchiner, Marsha	Approved
Moore, Katherine L.	Approved
L.G.M.	Pending
S.J.M.	Approved Pending
E.M.	Pending
Nannini, Louann	Approved
Needham, Ashley N.	Approved
Nelms, Allison C.	Approved
Nelson, Candace R.	Approved
Newman, Valerie V.	Approved
Ngo, Dinh Duc	Approved
C.T.N.	Pending
L.K.M.	Pending
T.T.N.	Pending
J.C.N.	Pending
Nixon, Opal A.	Approved
Odom, Melissa	Approved
Oliveira, Kyung	Approved
T.M.O.	Pending
Orr, Alejandria B.	Approved
Ortiz-Bustamante, Susana	Approved
C.S.O.	Approved Pending
K.F.O.	Approved Pending
P.O.	Approved Pending
Pack, Teresa C.	Approved
Packham, M. Eric	Approved
Painter, Donna M.	Approved
Palmer-Sigur, Tashia	Approved
Pamplin, Betsy J.	Approved
H.C.P.	Approved Pending
J.J.P.	Approved Pending
Parks, Mary E.	Approved
Parks, Rhonda	Approved
T.P.	Approved Pending
Passinault, Renee' L.	Approved
Patterson, Denise	Approved
Patterson, Lucinda D.	Approved
Pavlovich, Kathryn A.	Approved
Pehrson, Jill	Approved
Perras, Judy E.	Approved
Peters, Queochia	Approved

Pirkle, Shaina L.	Approved
Pittman, Tammie B.	Approved
Platt, Vicki A.	Approved
Pompey, Angela M.	Approved
Pope, Sheletha L.	Approved
Portal, Patricia A.	Approved
Porter, Jessica	Approved
Pountney, Claire C.	Approved
Priest, Virginia	Approved
Pryor, Tondra	Approved
Puim, Michael A.	Approved
Quach, Tuan Anh	Approved

**Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

Rabon, Deborah	Approved
Ramsey, Kimberly	Approved
Richter, Marsha	Approved
Robbins, Jennifer	Approved
S.R.	Approved Pending
Sam III, Wallace	Approved
S.S.	Approved Pending
A.S.	Approved Pending
Shashousa, Michal	Approved
Singleton, Lashana	Approved
Stang, Abbey R.	Approved
Strickland, Stacia L.	Approved
R.S.	Approved Pending
Taylor, Shelley	Approved
U.T.	Pending
A.T.	Approved
J.V.	Approved Pending
Walker, Justin	Approved
Walters, Anayansi	Approved
Wang, Hong Li	Approved
Wentworth, Rebecca	Approved
White, Tracy L.	Approved
Wiemann, Lesley C.	Approved
C.W.	Approved Pending
Williams, Nancy	Approved
A.W.	Approved Pending
Wilson, Nikita N.	Approved
Winston, James J.	Approved
Woodyard, Anna E.	Approved
Worsham, April A.	Approved
Yerger, Joey A.	Approved
Young, Ursula R.	Approved

**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by membership with professional massage therapy association:**

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Beck, Edith L.	Approved
L.M.G.	Denied

**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Jeffer, James E., II	Approved
Kessler, Lisa	Approved
Lane, William D.	Approved
Osborne, Gilbert C.	Approved

**Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

S.R.	Approved Pending
Rich, Marie V.	Approved
Walrich, Gillian	Approved

**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by National Board Certification (NCETMB/NCBMTB):**

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

S.B.	Approved Pending
Dennie, Kimberly A.	Approved
Ethier, Anne C.	Approved
K.O.H.	Approved Pending
Hatcher, Nancy Louise	Approved
Higginbotham, Jeneane	Approved

**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Johnson, Rickey	Approved
Johnson, Tammi D.	Approved
Kiley, Ellen F.	Approved
Kosturik, Susan M	Approved
McFay, Heather J.	Approved
Michael, Gina R.	Approved
Pancake, Adam T.	Approved
L.M.P.	Approved Pending
Pittard, Jennifer W.	Approved
Powell, Brandi N.	Approved

**Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

Rickey, Myriam	Approved
C.R.	Approved Pending
Rogers, Rita Diane	Approved
R.D.W.	Approved Pending
A.S.	Pending

**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by (NCBTMB) Authorization to Test (ATT):**

**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

S.R.	Pending
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**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by local government business license/tax forms:**

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Chiavetta, Pamela J	Approved
Edmonds, Marjorie	Approved
C.H.	Denied

**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Jennelle, Jann A.	Approved
L.T.K.	Pending
Ledbetter, Sissy	Approved
K.L.L.	Pending
Lieberman, Rachel J.	Approved
E.A.M.	Pending
S.L.M.	Pending
Mayhue, Crystal P.	Approved
Millington, Mindy E.	Approved
Missiha, Laura M.	Approved

**Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

Urquhart, Laura	Approved
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**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by state licensure in another state or jurisdiction:**

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Adams, Myra Denise	Approved
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**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Jackson, Jacqueline D.	Approved
Jantzen-Pitonyak, Erika	Approved
Johnson, Gretchen E.	Approved
Jones, Catherine A.	Approved
Kim, Ok Sun	Approved
Lee, Da-Hyeon K.	Approved
Lorenzini, Kathryn M.	Approved
McEvoy, Patricia A.	Approved

Meikrantz, Jessica L.	Approved
Neubauer, Christine L.	Approved
Pousman, Lorraine F.	Approved

**Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

Thompson, Tara	Approved
D.P.W.	Approved Pending
Wyatt, Heather M.	Approved

**Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcript/appointment book/tax forms:**

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

L.W. H.	Pending
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**Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

S.D.M.	Denied
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**Applicant Interview:**

L.W.H. – denied application for licensure; provided board with additional verifications and documentation regarding her past practice as a MT; Board to re-consider denied status.

**Enforcement Report:**

The Board met with Mr. Lyn Eason, Investigator to continue the discussion on the proper protocol when investigating Massage Therapy Complaints.

**Complaint # 29701:** The Board discussed what the investigator needs to look for and the questions he/she will need to ask in an investigative interview of the respondent in this case. AAG Jackson provided some general considerations in MT complaint cases that are available to the Board with regard to discipline in cases such as this one.

**Educational Advisor's Report**

Ms. Phillips made her recommendations to the Board for the denial of DoveStar Institute and Smyrna Therapeutic schools as Board Approved Massage Therapy Educational Programs. Body Concepts, NJ needs to submit additional requested information before final recommendation can be made.

Ms. Amanda Allen, Administrative Assistant informed the Board that Georgia Beauty School had requested an appearance before the Board to discuss their school application and curriculum.

**Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to grant an appearance before the Board by Georgia Beauty School, and in addition, to request from the Cosmetology Board a copy of any information they have on file pertaining to Georgia Beauty School to assist the Board in their interview with the school when arranged.**

**Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Educational Advisor's report as presented.**

**Cognizant Report**

**29171-** Case Closed. No further action required.

**31503-** Refer case to Investigations.

**31607-** Refer case to Investigations.

**31614-** Refer case to Investigations.

**Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, Motion carried.**

**Attorney General's Report:**

Ms. Janet Jackson, AAG, stated she did not have a formal report to present to the Board.

Ms. Jackson was asked by ED Zimmerman for any suggestions she may have regarding other verifications or documents the Board may consider as acceptable with regard to those (grandfather period) applicants applying under the eligibility option requiring a copy of a business license. The Board has discovered there is no conformity with regard to the many and varied local municipalities issuance of a business license and the wording contained on the form. The vast majority of the copies we have seen do not state "Massage Therapy" as the business they are engaged in.

Ms. Jackson suggested the Board consider a signed, notarized statement from an employer or an individual applicant stating the business or individual has practiced as a massage therapist for compensation. This would be in addition to any and all other required documents for that eligibility option (i.e. tax returns, W-2's....).

The Board stated they will consider this alternative. No further discussion.

**Additional Business Discussed**

The Board voted to set the additional meeting dates of October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the already established scheduled meeting dates as posted.

**There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Jane H. Johnson, Chair  
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

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These minutes were approved and signed on: \_\_\_\_\_.

